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VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND

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(Continued)

DAME JANE SKIPWITH of Cotes co. Leic. widow

Will dat. 20 Oct. 1629. Whereas heretofore I purchased of my brother John Welby, 9 acres in Luttongate, in p'rsh. of St Edmunds in Sutton Lincolnshire, now in occupation of Michael Fisher, 12 acres in p'rsh. of Godney, Lincs. called Swanpitt Dole, manor of Minnforth (?Mumforth) in Sutton, Lincs., also £4.1.9 payable to sd. manor, all same to my sd. brother John Welby in fee, paying to my nephew Vincent Welby £50 & to Richard Roberts 40s. a year for life and to Margery Smith 40s. a year for life. To my brother Sir William Welby, knight, £40 etc. To my nephew William W., son of my sd. brother Sir W. W. £20. To my nephew William Welby's wife £10. To my nephew Vincent Welby £60 above the £50 my brother John is to pay him. To my nephew Philip Welby £10. To my cousin John Gamble £20. To my cousin William Gamble £10. To my cousin Matthew Gamble £10. To my cousin Margaret Browne £30 Etc. To my niece Susan Joslyn £20 etc., the picture of Sir William Werby her father. To my cousin Susan Locke her dau'r. £20. To my cousin Francis Locke £10. To my nephew Wimberley 40s. To my niece Elizabeth Wimberley £10. To my nepehew John Wimberley 40s. To my niece Frances Wimberley £20 etc. To my niece Martha Welby £20. To my niece Anne Welby £20. To my brother Richard Welby £50. To my nephew Adlord Welby £5. To my nephew Richard Welby £13.6.8. To my nephew John Welby £13.6.8. To my nephew Edward Welby

£13.6.8. To my niece Susan West £20. To my niece Jane Welby £200 etc. To my niece Dorothy Welby £10. To my niece Elizabeth Welby £10. To my brother John Welby's wife £13.6.8. To my nephew William Welby, son of my sd. brother John W. £10. To my nephew William Welby's wife, silver & £10. To my niece Cassandra Welby £10. To my niece Elizabeth Welby dau'r. of my sd. brother John W. £10. To my niece Jane Welby, dau'r. of my sd. brother John W. £10. To my nephew Peter Ashton £50 & cushions & couch he gave me. To my nephew Peter Ashton's wife £10 etc. To my cousin Thomas Ashton £20. To my cousin Peter Ashton £10. To my cousin James Ashton £10. To my cousin John Ashton £10. To my cousin Jane Ashton £10. To my nephew Edmund Ashton £20 etc. To his wife, two kine, etc. To my cousin Peter Ashton son of my sd. nephew Edmund A. £10. To my nephew Walter Ashton £10 & to his wife £10 etc. To my cousin Peter Ashton son of my sd. nephew Walter A. £5. To my sister Bradshawe £40 etc., my book of gold which was my mother's. To my nephew John Bradshawe £10 if he pay me the £50 he owes me. To his wife £5 etc. To all of my nephew John Bradshawe's children £5. To my nephew Robert Bradshawe's two children £5 a piece. To my niece Elizabeth Bradshawe, 200 marks etc., a wrought waistcoat, my dau'r. Elizabeth Pate gave me. To my niece Margery Townley £20 etc. To my niece Mary Hixon £40 etc. & to her children £5 a piece. To my niece Anne Barnard £20 etc. To children of sd. A. Bernard £5. To my niece Alice Tickle £20 etc. To my brother Blewitt £20. To my sister Blewitt £20 etc. To my nephew John Blewitt £10. To my niece Elizabeth Marrowe £10. To my nephew Ives £5. To my niece Bridget Ives £20 etc. & to her children £5 each. To my niece Isabel Garsye £20. To my niece Susan Blewitt £20. To my niece Katherine Blewitt £20. To my niece Jane Blewitt £20. To my nephew Henry Ashhurst £30. To my niece Cassandra Ashhurst £30 etc. To my cousin William Ashhurst £20. To my cousin John Ashhurst £13.6.8. To my cousin Henry Ashhurst £10. To my cousin Anne Ashhurst £15. To my cousin Margaret Ashhurst £15. To my cousin Mary Ashhurst

£15. To my cousin Francis Ashhurst £10. To my cousin Ricard Aprice £10 & to his wife, weatherbed etc. To my cousin Jerome Aprice 40s. & to his wife 40s. To my cousin Symon Aprice £10. To the children of my uncle Edmund Aprice (except Priscilla) £5. To sd. Priscilla 40s. To Margaret Butler £10. Whereas my son Sir Henry Skipwith owes me £200, he to have same. To him meadow I took of the Earl of Huntingdon, except parcel of same in possession of Clement Thompson. To my dau'r. the Lady Skipwith £20 etc. To William Skipwith son of sd. Sir Henry S. £5. To Henry Skipwith, son of sd. Sir Henry S. £20. To Thomas Skipwith son of sd. Sir Henry £10. To Grey Skipwith £10. To Elizabeth Skipwith dau'r. of sd. Sir Henry, £10 etc. To Diana Skipwith £10, etc. To Anne Skipwith £10. To my son Thomas Skipwith, house & meadow in Loughborow which I bought of Mr. Lacock, with lease thereof. To sd. son Thomas's wife £40 etc. To Henry Skipwith, son of sd. Thomas S. £20. To John Skipwith son of sd. Thomas S. £20. To Susan Skipwith £20. To my son Edward Pate 40s. To my dau'r. Anne Pate £20 & her father's picture. To my son John Pate £5. To my godson Henry Pate £10. To Edward Pate £5. To Charles Pate £5. To Elizabeth Pate £5. To Amy Pate £5. To my brother Henry Skipwith 40s. To Jane Ridgley 40s. To my sister Bridget Askewe £5. To my son Charles Markham 40s. To my godson Thomas Saunders £5. To Partridge Ridgen £10. To Mr. John Porter, sometime my chaplain, £5. To Mr. Richard Palmer, now my chaplain, £3. To my servant Thomas Somerfeild, cart, plough, etc. & £6. To his wife £5. To my servant Richard Haley £10 etc. To his wife 40s. etc. To Thomas White's wife 40s. etc. To Judith White 40s. etc. To my servant Clement Thompson £20, money he owes me, etc. To my goddau'r. Jane Thompson £5 etc. To my servant Edward Renolles £10 etc. To John Fansley, money he owes me etc. To my servant William Aaron £10. To my servant Bryan Medcalf £20 etc. To my servant William Browne £10 etc. To my servant Austin Mawe £5. To my servant William Shelington 40s. To my servant Richard Pollard £3.6.8. To my ser-

vant William Greene 40s. To my servant Dorothy Nicholls £100 etc. To Alice Lee 40s. To my servant Anne Clyffe £5 etc. To my servant Anne Chrashawe 40s. To inhabitants of town of Whaplud £10, if they build again their market house. To poor of sd. town £13.6.8 & of town of horbridge £5, & of town of Floote 40s., of town of Moulton 20s. of town of Weston 20s., of town f Coates, £10, of town of Houghton £6, of town of Prestwold £6, of town of Burton £6, of town of Loughborough £6. £100 for tomb for my late husband Sir William S. & myself in Prestwold Church. £20 for tomb for John Walpole es. my first husband in Sleaford Church. Rest of goods to ex'ors. My brother Sir William Welby, knight, my brother Richard Welby, my nephew Peter Ashton & my nephew Henry Ashhurst to be ex'ors. My son Sir Henry Skipwith & my nephews Bevill Wimberley to be super-visors. Witnesses: Edmond Ashton, Vincent Welby, Partridge Ridgon

Proved & confirmed by Sentence 2 Dec 1630 by Sir William Welby knight, Richard Welby, Peter Ashton & Henry Ashhurst the ex'ors.

Action between Richard Welby, Henry Ashhurst & Peter Ashton ex'ors. pltf's. & John Welby, brother of dec., William Welby son of a brother of dec., Richard Aprrice & Joan Catlyn al's. Aprrice, cousins of dec. defts.

Sentence refers to Sir William Welby the brother & coex'or. as "modo defunct ante testricem" but see Probate above.
R. M. G. *Scroope, 115.*

[The gentleman who made the abstract of this will said, with some justification, that when he finished he felt that Dame Jane was the Aunt of the world. It is an interesting will to Virginians. Not only was her husband ancestor of the Virginia Skipwiths, but it is possible, if her various relations could be studied, (they only could be in England) it would be found that she was the connecting link of a number of other Virginia families.

We omit the earlier generations of the family, as easily found in books of English pedigrees, and begin (Nicholl's *History of Leicestershire*, III, 368 &c.) with Sir John Skipwith, Knight, who married Katherine, daughter of Richward Fitzwilliams, and had issue:

Sir William Skipwith, Knight, of Ormesby; who married, 1st, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Trewhit, Knight, and 2nd, Alice, daughter of Sir Lionel Dimock, Knight. By his first marriage he had Sir William Skipwith, of Ormesby, Knight.

By his second marriage he had: 2. Lionel, of Coulthorp; 3. John; 4. George of Cotsham; 5. Henry, of Keythorp, Esq., M. P. for Leicester 1588, died 1588; married Jane, daughter of Francis Hall, of Grantham, co. Lincoln, and relict of Francis Neale, of Prestwould and Cotes, Leicestershire. She died 1598.

Henry and Jane (Hall) Skipwith had a son, Sir William Skipwith, of Cotes, Knight, M. P. for Leicester 1604, died 1610. He married, 1st, Margaret, daughter of Roger Cave, of Stamford, co. Northants., who died 1594, and 2nd, Jane, daughter of John Roberts, and relict of John Markham. She was buried April 4, 1630. She was the testator above. The will shows she was married three times, the first to John Walpole, Esq.

Sir William Skipwith had by his first marriage with Margaret Cave, a son;

Sir Henry Skipwith, of Prestwould and Cotes, Knight and Baronet, who was born in 1589 and was living in 1652. On May 28, 1645, Sir Henry entertained Charles I at Cotes, and later he was fined £1114 by the Parliamentary Sequestrators. He married first, Amy, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Thomas Kemp, of Kent, who died 1631, and second, Blandina, widow of John Acton, Citizen of London.

Sir Henry and Amy (Kemp) Skipwith had issue: 1. William, died unmarried before his father; 2. Sir Henry, Bart. died unmarried soon after his father; 3. Thomas, died without issue; 4. Sir Grey, Bart. went to Virginia; 5. Elizabeth; 6. Diana; 7. Ann.

Diana Skipwith married Major Edward Dale, of Lancaster county, Virginia. There are in that county deeds signed by Edward Dale and Diana his wife. There is also on record in the same county, a note, dated Feb. 1, 1664, from Sir Grey Skipwith to Major Edward Dale, beginning "Brother Dale", giving "our love presented to y'selfe and my sister" and signed "your lo. brother". Edward Dale was clerk of Lancaster county 1655-1674, and a member of the House of Burgesses 1677 and 1682. His will was dated Aug. 4, 1694, and proved March 11, 1695. To be interred decently without any wine drinking. Legacies to grandsons Peter and Joseph Carter. "Imp'mis, if it shall please God that my now wife shall happen to outlive me, I give unto her for her maintenance during her life the whole profit of my estate whatsoever, some respect being alwaies had to her as an honest woman and gentlewoman and many years my wife" and after her death, estate to his grandchildren aforesaid, to granddaughters Elizabeth and Katherine Carter, grandson Edward Carter, and daughter Elizabeth now wife of William Rogers. His other daughter, Katherine Dale married Thomas Carter. Their descendants are given at length in the work of Dr. J. L. Miller.

To return to Nicholls. He states that Sir Grey Skipwith had a son Sir William Skipwith, Bart., who resided in Virginia and died there in 1730, aged about 60 years. Sir William had a son Sir Grey, who had a son Sir Peyton, living in Virginia in 1771. Sir Grey Skipwith settled in that part of Lancaster county which was afterwards Middlesex. No thorough examination of the records of these counties has been made to obtain all existing details in regard to the family, but some notes have been made.

At December Court 1657, Grey Skipwith, gent., qualified as administrator of Mr. Richard Payte (a reference to this will be made later). In Lancaster Sept. 12, 1660, it was ordered that Sir Grey Skipwith be paid 150 lbs. of tobacco for a gun "lost in the Accomac expedition, be-

longing to his late predecessor Edmund Kemple, gent., deceased." Sir Grey had married Ann, widow of Edmund Kemp, of Lancaster county. In Middlesex county, July 6, 1674, an order of Court was made in favor of Dame Anne Skipwith in behalf of her son Sir William Skipwith, on her petition to the Court, Feb. 1672, *vs.* Mr. Win. Dudley for a parcel of land. In 1680 another order was issued concerning Dame Anne Skipwith, mother and guardian of Sir William Skipwith. On Apr. 26, 1698, Sir William Skipwith was appointed first in the commission of the peace (presiding justice) of Middlesex and on June 1, 1704, and May 27, 1725, he qualified as high sheriff of the county. On Feb. 6, 1732 "Grey Skipwith, gent." qualified as clerk of Middlesex.

The Christ Church, Middlesex, parish register has the following entries: "The Lady Ann Skipwith of the parish" died March 5, 1685. The following entries of births of children of Sir William Skipwith and "Lady Sarah Skipwith his wife" are entered; Ann, born July 31, 1703; Gray, born Aug. 25, 1705; William, baptized Sept. 15, 1707; Henry, born Oct. 22, 1714; Sarah, born April 11, 1717; Fuller (Fulwer) born March 19, 1719; Elizabeth, born March 27, 1723, died, May 11, 1725. Lady Sarah Skipwith died Dec. 26, 1727.

The will of Sir William Skipwith, dated July 19, 1734, and proved in Middlesex June 1, 1736, is printed in full in the *William and Mary Quarterly*, VII, 89-91. A genealogy of the family, though not a complete one, is in Slaughter's *History of Bristol Parish*.

It will be noted that, in her will, Dame Jane makes bequests to Grey Skipwith, the emigrant to Virginia, and to his sister Diana.

The will of Sir William Skipwith, of Coates (proved May 8, 1611) was printed in this Magazine XXVII, 50.

Dame Jane names in the will her daughter Elizabeth Pate, sons Edward and John Pate, and Henry, Edward, Charles, Elizabeth and Amy Pate. As noted above, in Dec. 1657, Grey Skipwith, qualified in Lancaster County, Va., as administrator of Richard Pate. This makes it strongly probable that this Richard Pate of Virginia, was of the same family as those named in Dame Jane Skipwith's will. Richard Pate was a member of the House of Burgesses for Gloucester county, July 1653. On Dec. 12, 1650, he was granted 1141 acres in Gloucester county. He died in 1657 and his nephew John Pate qualified as administrator. This nephew was the heir. For what little is known of the family, see this Magazine XIX, 255 &c.

The testator names her nephew Peter Ashton and his wife, her "cousin" Thomas Ashton, "cousins" Peter, Jane, John and James Ashton, nephew Edmund Ashton and his wife, cousin Peter Ashton, son of Edmund, nephew Walter Ashton and wife, Cousin Peter Ashton son of Walter. "Cousin" evidently meant child of a nephew.

A Peter Ashton came to Virginia and named his estate on the Potomac, Chatterton. By his will, dated 1669, he bequeathed his property to his brother, James Ashton, of Kirby-Underwood, and John Ashton, of Louth, both in Lincolnshire. Each of those brothers came to Virginia and died here.

The pedigree of the Ashtons of Spalding, Lincolnshire, descended from the Ashtons of Chaderton or Chatterton, Lancashire (*Harleian* 2086, a 1549) explains some of the ramifications of Dame Jane's kinsfolk. Cassandra, daughter of William Apreece, of Wasingley in Lutton, co. Huntingdon, married 1st John Roberts, of Wallaston, co. Northampton, Esq., (and was doubtless the mother of Dame Jane); 2nd, Adlard Welby, of Gedney, Esq.; 3rd, Peter Ashton, of Holmear

Grange, in Spalding, co. Lincoln; 4th, Robert Carr, of Aswarby, co. Lincoln, Esq. Dame Jane had, half brothers and sisters, Walter Ashton, of Spalding, Mary Ashton, married Hawes Apreece, and Isabella Ashton married John Bradshaw, of Bradshaw, co. Derby. Walter Ashton had three sons, the nephews named in the will, Peter, Edmund and Walter. Each had sons, the "cousins" named in the will. It is possible that a little investigation in England might identify the three brothers who came to Virginia. This detailed note has been given, in part, to show what information a single English will sometimes contains.]

WILLIAM LANGHORN of Barnards Inn in Holburn, London, gent.

Will dat. 19 Aug. 1631. My leases (except lease of a little parcel of pasture lying next a little lane leading out of a street at Westend in Stevington *als* Stephenton, Beds. to a gate belonging to Alice Allen's close of the one part & a little Pightle belonging to my messuage or farm in S. afsd. next to a lane leading also out of sd. street to my sd. messuage on the other part) to be sold. To my dau'r. Ann L. £500. To my dau'r. Barbara L. £500. Whereas my son William in bound to pay my sd. dau'r. B. £100, this to be included. To my brother in law Mr. Jasper Yeardley & to my son in law Mr. William Barker a £20 Ann'y out of lands in Stevington afsd., to pay rest of legacies. To my son John L. my farm in Stevington afsd. for life, remainder to his sons successively in tail male, in default to his right heirs. Sd. excepted lease to him. I surrendered by Copyholds of manor of Stevington to Thomas Baringer, then the Elder, now dec. to use of Will, same to sd. son John L. to son William L. bason & ewer. To my dau'r. Elizabeth, piece of plate. To Susan dau'r. of my sister Elizabeth £5. To my grandson William Barker £10. To his sister Elizabeth my granddau'r. £10. My Precedent Books to my son John when admitted a Clerk in King's Bench Office. To my nephew William Langhorne, my brother Robert's eldest son, 30s. for ring. I forgive my nephew John Langhorne what he owes me except £10. To poor of p'ish. of St. Mary Aldermary 40s, of Cheshunt 40s. Rest of personal estate equally among all my children, William, Elizabeth, Anne, John & Barbara. Son William L. to be ex'or & sd. brother in law & son in law to be overseers. Dat. at end 8

Jan. 1630. Cod. 17 Dec. 1631. To Margaret Taylor now wife of one Austed *als.* Austey 20s. Witnesses: Ro. Denhurst, Will. Barker, Tho. Phippes. Prob. 10 Jan. 1631[-2] by William L. son & ex'or. *Audley, 9.*

[William Langhorne, the testator, was evidently of the family to which belonged Mary, daughter of Needham Langhorne, of Newton Brownshall, Northamptonshire, who married Col. Robt. Townshend, of Stafford Co., Va. (He died 1675.) After her husband's death she lived for a time at Newton Brownshall, and there is recorded in Virginia, a power of attorney from her dated at that place. In her administration (1694) she is called "Maria Townshead, late of Newton or Higham Ferrars, co. Northampton, widow, late at Virginia, deceased."

In the Visitation of Hertfordshire (Harleian Society) 1634 is a pedigree of "Langhorne of Bedford", which begins with William Langhorne of Bedford (born about 1560) whose eldest son was Robert—marriage and descendants not given—and whose second son was William, father of William Langhorne, of the Middle Temple, 1634, who married Lettice, daughter of Eustace Needham, of Little Wymondley, Hertfordshire. In the same Visitation is the pedigree of Needham, of Little Wymondley and Wilwyn, from which it appears that John Needham, of Wymondley (of the 3rd generation in the pedigree) had a daughter Margaret, who married Robert Langhorne, of Bedford, and a granddaughter, Lettice, as above, who married William Langhorne. Doubtless Needham Langhorne was a descendant of one of these two.]